

TONY'S NATURE FOOD, INC.
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San Francisco, CA 94133
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February 27, 2023

Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
City Hall, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Determination of Public Convenience or Necessity
Upgrade Alcoholic Beverage License to Type 21

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am submitting this letter in support of my request for Determination of Public Convenience or Necessity, to upgrade my Alcoholic Beverage License from seller beer and wine (type 20) to a general license selling all kind of alcoholic beverage (type 21). The following information will shed light on my business:

1. Basic Information: The applicant is "Tony's Nature Food, Inc., a California corporation. Tony Arouk is the Chief Operating Officer, and the person running the daily operation of the business. My daytime phone number is (415) 846-4184. My email address is tonyarouk2005@yahoo.com.
2. Business Name: The business name is "The Nature Stop," located at 1336 Grant Ave., San Francisco, CA 94133. I owned the business since 2019, selling organic food, fresh produce, and beverages, including beer and wine.
3. License Upgrade: Currently my business have type 20 license selling beer and wine only. I am seeking to upgrade the license to type 21, selling liquor, wine and beer. I am purchasing an existing license issued to 660 Powell Street, San Francisco, to transfer it to my existing location at 1336 Grant Ave., San Francisco.
4. Business Hours: My business hours are 8:00 am to 10:00 pm daily, except Friday and Saturday the hours are 8:00 am to 11:00 pm.

5. Application Submission: I opened an escrow to transfer the type 21 license on January 11, 2023, and submitted my application with the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to transfer the license on February 1, 2023.

6. Noticing Requirements: Upon opening the escrow to transfer the license to my location, I recorded the Notice of Intended Transfer of Retail Alcoholic Beverage on February 1, 2023 as required by Sections 24073 and 24074 California Business and Professions Code. I also posted the Notice poster on a public view of the store front on or around February 17, 2023. In addition, I mailed notices to all residential units within 500 feet of the premises as required on or around February 20, 2023.

7. Public Convenience or Necessity: I believe that upgrading my license to sell liquor beverages will serve the public convenience or necessity as follows:

(a) I have been at the existing premises in the neighborhood for the past four years, selling among other things, grocery, fresh produce, beer and wine. My customers and neighbors always asking why I am not selling liquor too. After explaining to my customers the different types of alcoholic beverage licenses, they encourage me to apply because it would be convenient for them to do all their shopping at the same store. Indeed they were willing to sign a petition supporting my application to sell liquor. I attached the petition of my customers with their names, addresses, and telephone numbers.

(b) I run a clean and safe business operation at the premises. For the past four years, I did not have any violations selling alcoholic beverages at the premises. The neighborhood is very safe and no major crimes threatening the safety of my employees or customers. In fact, allowing me to sell liquor will add to the safety of my customers by not venturing too far to buy their alcoholic beverages.

(c) I do not think there is high concentration of liquor licenses in the neighborhood. In fact, a month ago, the city and the Alcoholic Beverage Department approved a new license one block away from my premises. It would be unfair for me to run the business competing with another store one block away, who sell the same products I sell except liquor. I am sure that the neighborhood liked the idea of opening more convenient stores where they can shop.

(d) As you are well aware, the past three years has been brutal on small businesses. However, I tried hard to keep my business surviving, and my customers appreciated the hard work. It must be the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors mission to support us to succeed. You are aware how many small businesses shut down in the city as a result of the pandemic. I do not want to be a casualty by shutting down my business by not being able to succeed. I need your support during this period of economic hardship.

Please consider approving my application to upgrade my license to sell liquor. I will be glad to provide you with any information you need during the process.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Arouk', written over a horizontal line.

Tony's Nature Food, Inc.


By: Tony Arouk, CEO

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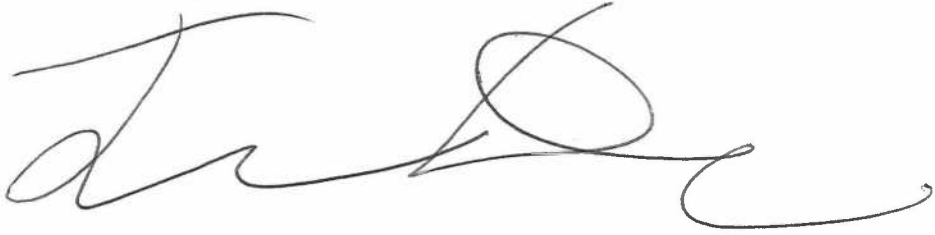
Noah Ruffell 411 Vallejo St. 94133 

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Tim Doyle #28
1226 Grant Ave
SF CA 94133


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Olivia Evans - OLIVIA EVANS
427 Filbert Street, San Francisco, CA

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ANTHONY BUCHANAN
354 COLUMBUS AVE.



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JULIA Villanueva
1732 Grant Avenue
San Francisco 94133

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571 UNION ST. SF, CA 94133

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- WILL DEVAULT
- 560 GREEN ST
SF CA 94133



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577 Filbert St.

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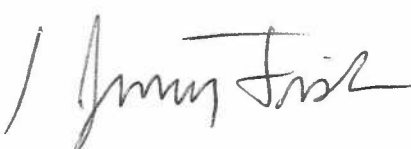
*Ed Handelman
1644 Grant Ave*

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JEREMY FISH /  / 565A UNION ST
SF CA 94133

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Vanessa Ruiz
354 Green St. Apt 13
San Francisco CA 94133

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Kevin Corn


1226 Grant ave apt # 12



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Thomas Wedewer
1416 Grant Ave #18
San Francisco, CA 94133



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JASON TERRACES
521 GREEN ST #22
SAN FRANCISCO CA 94133

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Nori Van den Berg
1359 Grant Ave

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Michael C. Mallonee

San L. Mallonee

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Billy Banks
1226 Grant Ave Apt 31, San Francisco, CA
94133


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Elizabeth Avalos-Padilla



823 Grant Ave
#23, SF, CA 94108

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DAN TOOTHMAN
453 Green St
SF, CA 94133

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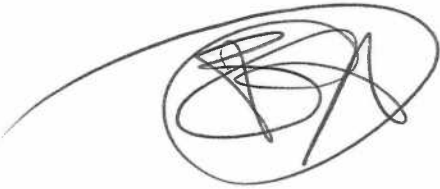
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Ben Andrews

1355 Grant Ave

SF CA 94133


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Craig Ventresco
1869 Stockton St #4
SF, CA 94133

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Charles Mario Ruiz
402 Broadway #3
San Francisco, CA
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BRIAN FINLEY



22 MARGRAVE PL #7
SF CA 94133

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17 BOB
KAUFMAN


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Kelli Park
51 Jasper Pl.
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JBocchetti

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Ken Murphy
10 Windsor place
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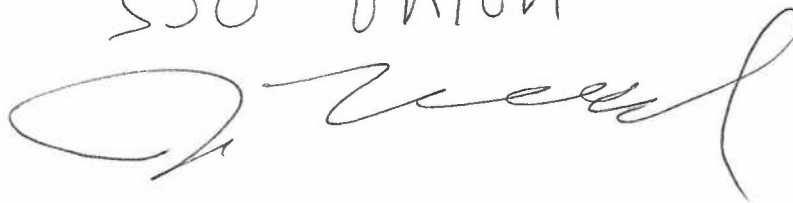
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LIN SHEN
552 Vallejo St.
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Lin A. Shen

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Jon NAKKERVUD
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CAROL GRAHAM
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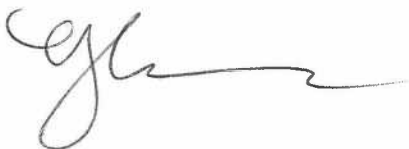
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